

Table 2. California Division of Workers' Compensation: Workers' Compensation Claims (in 000's), by Cause of Injury

CAUSE OF INJURY	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2006		TOTAL	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Burn Or Scald-Heat Or Cold Exposure	27.4	3.8	34.5	3.8	29.0	3.4	25.7	3.1	24.4	3.2	23.1	3.2	21.9	3.3	186.1	3.4
Caught In Or Between	24.0	3.3	31.0	3.4	27.8	3.2	26.9	3.3	25.2	3.3	24.4	3.4	24.9	3.7	184.2	3.4
Cut, Puncture, Scrape Injured By	65.5	9.1	79.5	8.8	75.2	8.8	72.5	8.8	73.0	9.4	74.7	10.4	70.5	10.5	511.0	9.3
Fall Or Slip Injury	105.2	14.5	134.9	14.9	127.2	14.8	119.9	14.6	116.4	15.0	109.9	15.3	104.7	15.6	818.3	15.0
Motor Vehicle	16.6	2.3	21.8	2.4	20.4	2.4	19.6	2.4	17.9	2.3	16.3	2.3	15.1	2.3	127.7	2.3
Rubbed Or Abraded By	3.4	0.5	4.6	0.5	4.6	0.5	4.5	0.5	4.8	0.6	5.3	0.7	4.3	0.6	31.5	0.6
Strain Or Injury By	236.0	32.6	298.2	33.1	288.5	33.5	277.1	33.9	260.3	33.6	230.6	32.2	212.4	31.8	1,803.2	33.0
Striking Against Or Stepping On	36.4	5.0	41.9	4.6	40.0	4.7	37.5	4.6	37.2	4.8	32.6	4.5	29.7	4.4	255.3	4.7
Struck Or Injury By	86.9	12.0	105.3	11.7	97.5	11.4	94.7	11.5	92.8	12.0	90.8	12.7	90.9	13.6	658.9	12.1
Miscellaneous Causes	122.2	16.9	151.2	16.8	148.7	17.3	141.3	17.3	122.8	15.8	109.5	15.3	94.9	14.2	890.6	16.2
TOTAL REPORTED INJURIES	723.6	100.0	902.9	100.0	858.9	100.0	819.7	100.0	774.8	100.0	717.2	100.0	669.3	100.0	5,466.8	100.0
Unknown	1.5		2.1		3.2		0.7		0.4		0.6		0.5		9.0	

Footnotes to Table 2. Source: WCIS database, which uses National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) / Workers' Compensation Insurance Organization (WCIO) codes as follows:

Burn or Scald-Heat or Cold Exposure from chemicals, hot objects or substances, cold objects or substances, temperature extremes, fire or flame, steam or hot fluids, dust, gases, fumes or vapors, welding operations, radiation, abnormal air pressure, electrical current and contact with, not otherwise classified (NOC).

Caught in or between machine or machinery, object handled, collapsing materials (slides of earth), caught in, under or between, NOC.

Cut, Puncture or Scrape Injury by broken glass, hand tool, utensil-not powered, object being lifted or handled, powered hand tool, appliance, cut, puncture or scrape, NOC.

Fall or Slip Injury from different level (elevation), ladder or scaffolding, liquid or grease spills, into openings, on the same level, slipped, did not fall, on ice or snow, on stairs, fall, trip or slip, NOC.

Motor Vehicle crash of water vehicle, crash of rail vehicle, collision or sideswipe with another vehicle, collision with a fixed object, crash of airplane, vehicle upset, motor vehicle, NOC.

Rubbed or Abraded by repetitive motion, rubbed or abraded, NOC.

Strain or Injury by continual noise, twisting, jumping, holding or carrying, lifting, pushing or pulling, reaching, using tool or machinery, wielding or throwing, repetitive motion (carpal tunnel syndrome), and strain or injury by, NOC.

Striking Against or Stepping on moving parts of machine, object being lifted or handled, sanding, scraping, cleaning operations, stationary object, sharp object, and striking against or stepping on, NOC.

Struck or Injury by fellow worker, patient (not in act of a crime), falling or flying object, hand tool or machine in use, motor vehicle, moving parts of machine, object being lifted or handled, object handled by others, animal or insect, explosion or flare back and struck or injured by, NOC (includes kicked, stabbed, bit, etc.)

Miscellaneous Causes from absorption, ingestion or inhalation, NOC, foreign matter (body) in eye(s), natural disasters (earthquake, hurricane, tornado, etc.), person in act of crime (robbery or criminal assault), other than physical cause of injury, mold, terrorism, cumulative, NOC, other miscellaneous, NOC.

Variation in the number of claims across years is affected by noncompliance with reporting requirements and late reporting of claims as well as by changes to fundamental trend and cyclical factors that influence levels of claim activity. Data is based upon calendar year of injury. DWC believes that its database is representative of claims in California's workers' compensation (WC) industry for all years.

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